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Reference is made to your memoranda dated July 12, 1977, and August 8, 1977, your references SECOM-D-256 and SECOM-D-263, respectively.

The following is set forth in response to the points set forth in memorandum dated July 12, 1977:

a. The investigative standards set forth in Director of Central Intelligence Directive (DCID) 1/14 are being met for all FBI personnel under consideration for access to Sensitive Compartmented Information (SCI). In this regard, it should be noted all employees of the FBI, prior to entering on duty, have been subjected to a full-field investigation covering their entire adult lives. This investigation for all employees encompasses the minimum standards outlined in the DCID for access to SCI.

b. Generally, it is felt that the minimum standards for individuals under consideration for access to SCI are high enough to ensure comparability of SCI screening among Intelligence Community agencies. These standards are believed to be minimal and to permit latitude for additional investigation where deemed advisable.



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c. The FBI is currently in the process of re-examining its reinvestigation standards for all its employees. It is believed the present standards for all employees meet those minimum standards required by the DCID for access to SCI. Among the programs in continuing effect which we feel enable us to meet the reinvestigation standards are:

1. A systematic "security review" of all in-service personnel files is conducted at a minimum of five-year intervals.
2. All allegations of improper conduct of employees are subject to immediate and thorough inquiry and resolution.
3. All Special Agent (intelligence officer) personnel receive annual thorough physical examinations and fitness for duty physical examinations are afforded clerical employees when appropriate.
4. All Special Agent personnel are subject to strict availability controls, including itinerary while on leave or in a travel status.
5. Appropriate background inquiries are instituted when changes in personnel status, such as marriage, occurs.
6. All employees are subject to strict controls and restrictions as regards outside employment and public appearances.
7. Upon termination of service, all employees are subjected to an exit interview, at which time they are cautioned against unauthorized disclosure of official, sensitive and classified information which may have come to their attention during the course of their official duties.

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8. The names of all employees are included in the FBI general indices and their fingerprints are included in the Identification Division records with controls instituted so appropriate personnel will be alerted in the event of a report of improper activity or arrest.

9. Procedures are established whereby individual security briefings are afforded employees who are known to have established residence in close proximity to the residence of an official of a diplomatic establishment of intelligence interest. As necessary, special defensive briefings are conducted in such procedures.

d. The FBI has continuing security education programs. In addition to the thorough indoctrination afforded all new employees, personnel security matters are discussed at semiannual conferences and frequently at special conferences, training sessions and briefings. As indicated, debriefings and exit interviews are conducted as appropriate.

e. The FBI's voluminous file holdings contain much information which may be readily made available to Intelligence Community agencies relating to personnel security matters. Significant derogatory information is furnished to requesting agencies in accordance with national agency checks requests. The FBI would have no objection to the establishment of a central repository for retention of information relating to SCI access denials, and it would appear the Compartmented Information Branch (CIB) at Central Intelligence Agency Headquarters would be appropriate for this purpose.

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The FBI is currently in the process of reviewing and formalizing its overall security programs and procedures. The complement and responsibilities of the Document Classification Office have been expanded, and in the immediate future additional formal programs relating to security education and safeguards will be established. The FBI encourages strengthening of security procedures by the Intelligence Community and supports any exchange of information between Community agencies with this objective.